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In re Application of:

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Chester, et al.

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Title: Methods for Modeling, Predicting, and

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Optimizing High Performance Liquid

**Preliminary Amendment** 

**Chromatography Parameters** 

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Art Unit:

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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** 

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The applicants respectfully request entry of the following preliminary amendment.

## **AMENDMENTS**

In the Specification: At page 1, line 8, please add the following new section.

## **CROSS REFERENCE**

This application claims priority under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) from Provisional Application Serial No. 60/196,184, filed April 11, 2000.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE **ESPONSE/AMENDMENT** 

ONER FOR PATENTS COMMISS

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Chester, et al

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